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## U. S. Negro Fighter Pilots Weather First Test Against

squadron in North Africa composed of Negro pilots has weathered its first merial combat test, six of its planes encountering a larger formation of German hebbers and lamaging two of the enemy without foss to themselves, according to a message to the War Depart-

This squadron, after careful training in this country and ire North Africa, had steed by beer in action during the pir steed of the island of Pantelleria. Its pilots did patrok duty, escorted heavy formbers and served acfighter bombers with other unit

of the tactical air force over Pontelleria and Lampediana Gowever during the first-half of Jame th fild not have much chance to show. their ability in a test of strength against enemy fighters. During that time they were fired on only once and when they terned town and the enemy aircraft the latter On the laterafternoon of June

by First Licutement Charles W. Dryden, 22 years old, et 80n Hone St. Bronx, New York City was the island. Ten \_ more, \_Corpora funders hovered above to verteet. the hombers which the FW 1901 Excerbis From counter the American Negro flyers parvied the Nazi thrust dam

First Lieutenant Lee Rayford of

Brooks of 2009 East J Street, with one

them and they made diving at the mize volumes. us and stayed there waiting for Some were bleeding, sticks were another chance to dive on us. We broken across heads, but I did stayed around until the controller not tarry to see the finish, From ordered us home."

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attacked over Pantelleria, then in Far a bir thinking, protection for Allied hands, by a force of twelve families and security for children (ANP)

## An Autobiography Emeatinal Opportunities, and

It was the second Wednesday by qualities in teachers' salaries in Ardwick, Markhan, said, he was the second Wednesday is South Carolina, more surprised than alarmed when May 1919; the place Benedict South Carolina.

The Executive Committee of the Palmetto Teachers' Associative baye been a few physical changes. his wing was struck by machine gun and cannot fire in this, his first flight under the guns of end my aircraft. He brought his ship, back safely.

Lieutenant Colonel B. O. Davis, Jr., Commanding Officer of the squadron said, "It was the first time any of them ever shot at the president squadron said, "It was the first time any of them ever shot at the president structure for green test a prize, which was a presented a prize, which was a presented a prize, which was a discontinue the fight against these who have organized thru enemy. They gave a good are set of books given for good whole from the fight would give the flyers the fight couldn't be gained by the fight couldn't be gai fidence that couldn't be gained by the front gave, then located at the corner of Taylor and Harden the first Lieutenant Sidner Palmette Committee of The Palmette Teachers' Association have brooks of 2000 East J Street, tour one burdred and fifty. By bundred and fifty. my fighters above his Throgation as well as when the prize was and warned the others just as the presented a few minutes past. I FW's dived to attack. sensed trouble brewing, changed "They attacked in formation of my books to my left arm, includfour," said Lieutement Dryden, ing my great prize, to protect it:
"and we counted twelve coming leaving free my right arm to hold down on us. Another ten stayed off the mab of envious pupils who above as high cover for the ene- were now saying that they were my bombers. We turned Into 20ing to beat the up and destroy individually. When friend students came to my mid: they started back up we were but this handful mendered little with them and they began a wide assistance. We fought for half an circle, with us after them. Then hour before I made my escape, they broke off and climbed above with the prize books unharmed.

BUY \$10,000 WAR BOND



Miss Neatrice Penman, of Kansas City, Kansas, grand treasurer of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority is shown buying a \$10,000 war bond for the sorority. William Pickens, head of the promotion effort among colored people came to Kansas City from Washington to participate in the occasion. Shown also is Jesse G. Boomer, cashier of the "Small Town South" by Sam the Guaranty State bank, who delivered the bond. Atty. Elsie Aus. Byrd, and "Safe Deliverance" by tin is grand president of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

# ers' Association

tendered Atty Thurgood Mar-shall, it was brought out that. The Executive Committee, had voted \$500.00 to The National Edcational Association, to aid in securing Federal Aid to Schools It might be stated that The NEA he salaries of White teachers higher than those paid to Negro teachers, and they have been suc cossful. (except) where court action has been brought. It is hard to learn that The Executive Committee, of The Palmetto Teachers' Association could vote \$500.00 to NEA, yet withhold \$1,200.00 set aside as a defense fund to secure "equalization of teachers' salar-

ies." The voting of the \$500,00 to NEA, and the withholding of the 18 came the first engagement is a MES, vipov into vinces. SEA, and the winnessing of the air. A flight of six P 10's led the air. A flight of six P 10's led the First Lightenant Charles W. Work Amour Negroes for the of the NAACP, can only be constructed in one way, that the mem-Work Amour Negroes for the of the NAACP, can only be con-National Woman's Christian Tem-struct in one way, that the mem-etants Union, makes an appeal bers of The Executive Committee for their thinking, protection for are still ready to support an ortanilles and recarity for children (ANE). partities an organization like The National Association For The Ad-cape ment of Colored People, who

the fight for the ending of ine-

of the way, if they did not desire to have a part in "The Court Acstrings attached to same), 't h e \$1,200,00 set aside for such tion. I ask the question, "What

Can The Executive Committee JAMES M. HINTON, President state Conference of NAACP

#### **Roi Ottley Wins** \$2,500.00 Award

Roi Ottley, distinguished Negro ournalist, is announced today as winner of the \$2,500 award, given for books published in the Life-

Mr. Ottley's book, "New World AsComing", scheduled for August ablication, is an inside picture of the Negro's world, a world which has its center in Harlem, the capital of Black America. As a tive son', Mr. Ottley knows Harlem from penthouse to shanty, from Holy Roller Temple to hot spot, and in his book traces the dramatic history of Harlem from the earliest days down to the presnt war in which the Negro has so much at stake. He examines, beheath the flimflam of Harlem, the Negro's search for democracy, his essential drive and ultimate goal. Connected for several years with the New York AMSTERDAM-STAR NEWS, the author is now publicity director for the National IO Committee for American and Allied War Relief.

'New World A-Coming" is the of the volume to receive a Houghton Mifflin Life-in-America award. The earlier winners are "No Life tor a Lady" by Agnes Morley Cleaveland, "The Road of a Naturalist" by Donald Culross Peat-Dr. Frederick C. Irving.

### Tyers To the Executive Carolina Negroes Ask FDR To Have Committee of The War Dept. Press Dept. Enlarged Palmetto Teach- To Include Negro Press Officer

Charlette, N. C., July 1-(ANP) he is the editor. The Citizen's committee, com- Anderson had applied for a posed of the leading Neyro citi: transfer to the public relations ofzens of this city, has written to five in Washington, but his appli-President Roosevelt, and to Mrs. cation was disapproved, finally, by Roosevelt, asking that the war the commanding department increase the public relations office staff, and ask that the addition be a Newro solution of the public relations office has advised the addition be a Negro soldier to handle news and publicity, in all forms, which deal exclusively with

has many southern members, who the only Negro candidate for the there is no Negro in the office at North Carolina legislature, and all. The Negroes feel that there chairman of the committee, trgethat Pvt. Trezevant W. Amfer- leging that news of Negro troops son, former ANP-Washington cor is no given due consideration by ferred from his present post in movies, and newsree's, sedom if ington to fill the position.

At this time Pvt, Anderson & assistant special services officer claim that a Negro in the PRO for the 44th Replacement battalion, will handle this properly, and ask stationed in New Orleans, and has the President to have the war dejust brought out the first issue or partment order an expansion of a battalion newspaper, " The the staff to include a Negro, which Fightin' Forty-Fourth", first camp can be done by executive order, it newspaper in this area, of which is believed.

hat no vacancy exists at this

Newro troops. The request, sign. All appointments to this office of by Woods Morgan, last year are as commissioned officers, and -hould be a Negro press officer alrespondent of this city, be trans- white daily napers, and that the Louisiana and brought to (Wash- ever show anything depicting the activities of Negro soldiers. They

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* LET'S UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER By C. C. SPAULDING

DURHAM, N. C.

"Vever repeat a rumor inless it will help someone." This was the philosophy of the late Dr. A. M. Moore, former Presi dent of North Carolina Mutuai Life Insurance Company, a philosophy which it practiced generally would eliminate much of the misunderstanding, bitterness and strife that characterizes

These are wines when the most conservative among us have a tendency to relax our vigilance and question the wisdom of facing issues with the calmness and restraint necessary for helpful and constructive results. During periods of increased nervous tension, it is imperative that the races, with their varied creeds, gustoms and traditions, who are living side by side in America strive to reach an understanding devoid of prejudice and emotion whereby differences, both fancied and real, can be adjusted without bitterness or strife.

Frequently friction in the home, in the community-riots and bloodshed-have their origin in rumors that are foundless and false. During these perilous times, rumors, especially falso and malicious ones, are excedingly dangerous. Unfortunately rumors travel with incredible speed, and once turned loose, before overtaken, irreparable harm may be done. Rumore as a rule are the outgrowth of evil thinking and indiscreet talking. In their harmful effect upon individuals, comcreet talking. In their harmful effect upon individuals, com-munities, state and nation, they constitute enemy No. 1. Let mors. Let us ration gossip to the extent that it may no longer serve the sources of evil as an instrument of distrust and fric-

In stressing the necessity for National unity, each of us has an obligation to perform. While we look to the pulpit and the press to champion the cause of good will, cooperation, and understanding in our daily contacts we too can further the

America is one country where several races are living and laboring side by side in comparative harmony. The progress being made by America and the position she holds among the nations of the world can be attributed to this very fact. Internal strife however can be the means of destroying much that has been accomplished if petty jealousies, bickerings, and race unimosities are permitted to gain the ascendency.

In times of stress, nerves are strained and tension mounts More so than at any other time, false and inflamatory rumors: can influence sane thinking and warp our judgment to the point where disastrous consequences may result.

Interracial disturbances that have flared up all over the country are deplorable, yet cannot in justice be charged against any single group of people. All groups share the responsibility to some extent. If the cause were impartially analyzed, in all probability it would be found that the spark that started the conflagration was fanned by un-American agitators bent on destroying racial harmony, even though the National effort suffer as the result. What greater help could Hitler and his allies want than to know that these things are possible in America and that this state of affairs is permitted to exist and flourish

It is unfortunate, during times like these, that the ugly head of prejudice and race animosity should rear itself among us. All of us, white and black, are giving our sons, fathers. brothers and sisters in the struggle for right and justice. Our pocket-books are being emptied to help finance this war. These sacrifices are being made that America may remain free of Hitler's philosophy and tactics. As a loyal citizen, the Negro wants to help in the fight against the common enemy. Desired results however can only be attained if all of us, white and black, practice restraint and lend a deaf car to unfounded, false, inflamatory rumors calculated to disrupt the balance of

It is sincerely hoped that the races constituting the American nation, with the spirit of Christ uppermost in their minds, will recognize their respective responsibilities and solve their problems without violence. Let us so coordinate our efforts that the enemy cannot derive aid and comfort from lack of harmony among us and thus profit by our own shortcomings,

NOTED AVIATRIX



I.T. WII.LA B. BROWN

Noted aviatrix, who was recently commissioned by the war department as lieutenant, Civil Air patrol, is the only squadron in the naion staffed by Negro officers and located at Harlem airport, Chicago. Lt. Brown was introduced to the immeuse throng at the recent Negro Freedom rally in Medison Square Garden, New York, as one of the most brilliant leaders of the face, (ANP Photo.)

#### The Papers of Booker T. Washington Presented to Library of Congress By Tuskegee Institute

Named City Prosecutor



Atty, J. Maynard D. keeson on lune I was appointed City Proseutor of Youngstown, Ohio. Mayor W. B. Spagnola, marking the first time in Ohio's history that a Negto has served as pro-

secutor of a municipality, Atty. Dickerson served f and was appointed to the position Washington materials," following the recent resignation of the prospector. A pative of Hamilton, Ohio, he

has resided in Youngstown since 1913 and attended. Ohio State University and Youngstown Law Dean of the Den-School. He resides with his wife, tal College, How the former Virginia Hall of Car ton, Ohio, at 423 Oak Hill Ave. ficer of the Na-He is the publisher of the Buckstianal Dental As eye Review, Youngstown's only Negro weekly,

#### **Noted Banker** Praises Tuskegee Air Force

Durham, N. C. July 1, (ANP) kegee Army Air field, C. C. Spaniel ing, Durham, insurance executiv, and banker, expressed ereat sat isfaction with the unit and its commanding officer Col. Sant Par-

"I had an opportunity to inspect the grounds and I find that portunity to develop and acquire offered in any other flying school" declared Mr. Spaulding, "It is unfortunate that those who criticized tionate number of dentists of our Continued on Page 6

Prosident of Tuskegee Institute | regard to the future, to save their mies of America wage war o n gro will never attain equality and and because it is a reaffirmation of to control his money and build the faith of this great leader in a institutions and businesses like unity of national purpose and a Booker T. Washington, the father collection is generally regarded by vised 40 years ago. scholars as perhaps the richest and most important source of in formation on the history of the Negro. It includes an estimated 180,000 pieces, and will form one

. The outstanding collection of

the largest manuscript collechas in the Library. In making the wift, President Patterson said: 'I shall be pleased to have you record our sense of real appreciation to the Library of Congress Ernest Taylor, on whose place the or its services in perpetuating for Wilsons work, called in a doctor eral years as assistant prosecutor posterity the valuable Booker T. to make an examination. The doc-

#### Board Member

rogation, and a licensed D.C. den tist, recently was elected by the Robert T. Free on Dental So ciely to serve as 🙋 a member of the

District of Co. DR. RUSSELI himing Promine A. DIXON

The D.C. Procurement and Asignment Committee desired a from St. John church in Detroit included to work with and pastored Lane tabernacle for won to befter serve the interests | six years. He was appointed last of the Negra, practitioner in the year, presiding elder of the St. was effort and to handle matters pertaining to their profession. This is a precedent that the Free-Negroes are being given every op- man Dental Society hopes that each State Procurement and Asthe same type of training that is signment Service Committee will adopt where there are a propor-Tuskegee and who are still criti- race practicing in that state .-(ANP.)

#### **ANP News Shorts**

RELEASE WED., JUNE 30TH

Henderson, S. C.-Members of both races last week attended im pressive funeral services for Dr John A. Cotton, who was the first Negro president of Knoxville college. The rites were held from the United Presbyterian church.

His death occurred at the Duke hospital, the result of an illness that extended from the time of his retirement, from the Knoxville presidency last year because of failing health. Dr. Cotton, was about 70 years of age, served for many years as president of the Henderson Normal and Industrial institute here, a unit of the Unity ed Presbyterian church's educational institutions.

Columbia, S. C.-Hailed as further progress of Negro Americans to fuller integration, was the first call issued here by an army air corps that was at first reluefant to use Negroes as flyers, for Negro recruits interested in becoming aviation cadets. It was be-lieved to have been the first time that the army air corps had act-ually solicited the application of Negroes to become fighter and pur

suit pilots.

The call announced that young men interested should apply to the aviation cadet board, Fort Jack-son, S. C. In announcing this more liberal policy toward accept ing Negro air cadets, much praise was given by the board to mem-bers of the Negro air squadron that saw action in the victorious North African campaign. It was pointed out that no special educational qualifications need-

ed, but applicants must be able to pass a mental test. Physical requirements are that height must be between five feet, four inches and five feet, eight inches and weight must be under 160 pounds. Applicants are interviewed by board of army officers who judge acceptability from the standpoint of personality and character.

Los Angeles Declaring that he is "going to do my fighting for God from now on." Jack Johnson former heavyweight boxing cham pion, told 3,000 persons at Angelus temple that he plans to become a member of the church soon. The ex-pugilist was called from the congregation by the Rev. Aime S. McPherson, pastor of the temple.

St. Louis-Urging his listeners to purchase all the war bonds they can afford, U. S. Falls, reg-ional vice-president of the Nation-The outstanding collection of the papers of Booker T. Washington at the Tuskegee Institute has hear presented in its entirely has been presented in its entire has been presented in its entirely has been presented in its entire has been presented in the high presented been presented in its entirety to gro against the disaster that is the Library of Congress by unansure to follow this war. The ocimous vote of the Trustees of the casion was the rendition of the Institute, according to information Men's day program at the West recently received by Archibald Side Baptist church. Falls told MacLeish, the Librarian of Conthe audience to turn away from gress, from Dr. F. D. Patterson, its riotous living, to think with particular significance attaches money, purchase real estate and this gift to the nation because to establish business enterprises. comes at a time when the ene- Falls further stated that the Ne equal rights until he learns how common destiny of freedom. The of the Negro Business league ad-

> Vidalia, Ga.-Claiming that he has never been sick a day in his life, James Wilson, 118, officially recognized by the U.S. census bureau as the nation's oldest citizen, was finally doctored upon by a physician. Wilson fell in the dooryard of his son's home and tor diagnosed-the injuries as not serious. Born i n county, Ga., May 15, 1825, Wilson was a slave. After emancipation he moved to Tooms county where he worked on various farms until recently. Now he does only edd jobs such as stemming or stringing tobacco and light heeing work.

St. Louis-Just after he completed his Sunday morning ser-mon, the Rev. Noah Webster Clark, presiding elder of the St. Louis district and candidate for the bishopric of the CME church, died in the pulpit of Lane tabernacle. The 65 year old minister had been under a doctor's care for ment and Assignment Committee three years. He died before med-

ical aid could reach him.

He came to St. Louis in 1936 a from St. John church in Detroit,

Rev. Clark was born in Matthews, Ga., and was graduated from Paine college, Augusta, Ga. He entered the ministry in 1908 Funeral services were held on Thursday from Lane tabernacle church, Bishop James A. Bray of Chicago, delivered the funeral Clark of Midsville, Ga., two sisters, three nephews and a niece